The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 18, 1899.

THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 3.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fri days of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

NOTICE.

Because of illness many subscriptions paid recently have not been changed on the labels though properly credited in the subscription books. Prompt notice should be given of failure to receive paper, or if town carrier does not leave paper where desired.

Local News.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—Latest style wedding invitations printed expeditiously and cheaply at the TRANSCRIPT office.

—Don't forget the entertaining and instructive Bethesda Epworth League. Meetings every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.

—Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinklere's Studio.

—A musical friend suggests that owing to the icy condition of the pavements, a fellow must C sharp, or he will B flat.

Good health is worth more than anything else to you, and every bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla contains good health.

—One Valentine was received at the TRANSCRIPT office, and now our Sergeant has had his boots copper-toed, carries a big shillala, and has blood in his eye.

—As rapidily as men and money could accomplish it the railroad authorities cleared their tracks from snow, and resumed traffic, which was interfered with for three days.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—The Rev. H. W. Cunningham, rector of Calvary Church, Wilmington, is expected to preach at St. Anne's Church next Wednesday evening.

—The program arranged for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening, failed to materialize on account of the obstreperous (?) weather. It will be given when the weather aforesaidbecomes more amicable.(?)

—The Sadny Branch Creamery, which has been under the successful management of Mr. J. B. Goff, was sold by the directors on Tuesday to the Messrs. Brady of the Dairy Farms Creamery of this town.

—Heroic and almost superhuman efforts were made to open the streets of Middletown yesterday morning; as it was. many cellars were flooded, and pedestrianism on the sidewalks was possible only to those wearing rubber boots.

—Do you want the "best farm wagon made?" If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by

J. F. McWHORTER & SON

—Remember that Bethesda Epworth League will hold their usual interesting and instructive meeting at Bethesda Methodist Church at 6:45 tomorrow evening. See topic, etc., in another column of the TRANSCRIPT today.

—The School board ordered a suspension of the public schools Monday and Tuesday owing to the slippery and dangerous condition of the streets. Trouble began again, however, on Wednesday, didn't it, dear boys and girls?

—"A Missionary Church," from Acts of Apostles, XII, 7-12 inclusive is the topic for discussion by the Y. M. C. A. at Forest Presbyterian Church at 6:45, tomorrow evening. See full text and comments on another page of the TRANSCRIPT.

—Mr. Elias Lofland aged 87 years died at his home, near Jamison's Corner, Sunday, the 17th instant, and interment was to take place in St. George's Cemetery on the following Wednesday, but the impassable condition of the roads, made it impossible and and the burial was postponed.

—It lays between Irl R. Hicks, of St. Louis, Uncle Jesse Hyatt of Middletown, and the ground hog that Jake Foster, saw going up the street with an icicle hanging out of his nose, as to who is responsible for the recent terrible blizzard. After a discussion pro and con, at last accounts, the cons had it.

—The M. J. B. is a social club recently organized by the youth of Middletown most of these attend the Academy, to have "a general good time," as the bright little fellow said, who furnished the TRANSCRIPT with this item. They were to meet at the home of Miss Emma Kelley last evening, and have a "general good time."

—The Storm King called a halt on all manner of things "advertised to take place," (beginning Sunday betimes,") social, commercial, funereal, professional and religious; in consequence of which an extremely small attendance was in evidence at all the Middletown churches Sunday. Rev. Moore, of the Forest Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Ellis, of Princeton—one being "hither and the other being yan," and both being snowbound—exchanged pulpits, per force of circumstances; Much to the delight of their respective congregations.

—Four barrels of coffee and thirteen hundred sandwiches, were among the items which went toward satisfying the ravings of the inner man, furnished by Landlord McIntyre, of the National hotel, for the snow shovelers and train crews employed by the Railroad Company to clear their tracks, on Tuesday and Wednesday, This is a good sized order, but Mac filled it without straining a muscle, batting an eye, or spitting on his hands, and he holds himself in perfect readiness for more orders of the same sort.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Chilblains, Damp, Sweatiaz, Swollen feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, New York.

—The following is the list of Wednesday evening preachers at St. Anne's Church during the present season of Lent: February 15th, Bishop Coleman; February 22d. Rev. H. W. Cunningham; March 1st, Rev. Arthur F. Lewis; March 8th, Rev. George C. Hall; March 15th, Rev. Kensey J. Hammond; March 22, Rev Francis M. Munson, LL. D.; March 29th, Rev. William Schouler. The services begin at 7.30. All are cordially invited.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Mrs. Anna Faweel, Mrs. Eda Margir, Miss Laura Ray, Miss Mary Lizzie Smith, Miss Elnora Garder, John H. Beem, George P. Rees.

—Napoleon was the bravest of brave generals, and yet he was afraid of a mouse. There are many instances on record of timid ladies attacking and vanquishing the most ferocious wild beasts, in defence of their homes and little ones, and it is not to be questioned that many, if not all, the ladies of Middletown, who attended prayer meeting at Forest Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening last, would boldly tackle a bear, lion, rattlesnake or even the deadly cobra de cappella to shield her loved ones from danger, but that little hungry church mouse proved too much for their nerves, and Rev. Moore reluctantly dismissed them. P. S. That mouse is now no more.

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home New York. Break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE Address, Allen S Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Public Sales.

Thursday, Feb. 23d, 1899.—Sale of fine Dairy Cattle by J. S. & W. Lattomus, on the "John Townsend Farm," on the road leading from Townsend to Taylor's Bridge

Friday, February 24th.—Stock and Farming Implements by William N. Watts at his residence near Van Dykes Station. D. P Hutchison, auctioneer.

—SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of personal property of Mr. Samuel Pennington advertised to take place in Middletown, February 16th, has been postponed until Thursday, March 2d, 1899.

—POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.—On account of the heavy snow storm, Mr. Eben Clark has postponed his sale of stock and farming implements, which was advertised to take place February 15th, till Friday, February 24th, 1899.

—A reporter on the Wilmington Republican, Mr. James McIvor, had a narrow escape from freezing to death about half way between Wilmington and his home at New Castle last Monday afternoon. The snow had blocked the cars on both the steam and electric roads, and reporter like, he undertook to walk the track, but got stuck in a snow drift. Fortunately another pedestrian came along in time to pull him out, and after a hard tussle, he arrived safely at home —slightly disfigured but still in the ring. It will require a colder day than last Monday was—and she was a la-la cooler)— "to do" an up-to-date reporter on a first class daily. Eh, Mac, old boy?

Removal Notice.

February 1st. 1899, I will remove my Office and Residence to the Miss Bessie Anderson property situated on the same side of West Main Street as that upon which I have been located for the past six years, and adjoining the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Scott Streets on one side and the residence of Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd on the other.

W. E. BARNARD, D. D. S.

—The north-bound Norfolk express deu here Monday morning about 3 a. m. was the first passenger train to arrive here. The train had been brought to Delmar with three engines Monday and lay there until Wednesday, reaching here about 2 o'clock. There were 50 passengers and train men including a hospital corps, regular army, on their way from Georgia to New York thence to Manila. Mine Host Mc Intyre of the National Hotel set dinner and also a supper for the fifty or sixty persons on the train. The first train south arrived something after 10 o'clock Wednesday night, the track being open then to Delmar.

Feed the Game Birds.

The Game Wardens of Delaware and the Maryland State Game Protective Association are making earnest efforts to save the game birds whose utter destruction is threatened by the recent heavy snow fall. The coldness is not severe enough to destroy the birds, for a pheasant or a partridge, if fed, can stand a heap of cold, but the depth of snow interferes with their gaining sustenance. A game bird or a rabbit is an excellent predictor of weather. We didn't think on Saturday night that we would have such a snow storm, but the birds knew it to a nicety, and each covey sought shelter as best it could. A bird can go for a week or ten days without eating, but that fact should not cause delay among farmers in feeding them.

Jr. O. U. A. M. Smoker.

On Tuesday evening Industry Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., entertained their friends and members in New Castle at their quarterly smoker. I. N. Anderson, of Wilmington, Vice Councilor, made an address, as did also Past Councilor Lang. Rev. R. I. Watkins, of New Castle, also made an address which was much appreciated. Graphophone selections were given by Heywood Case. Clog dancing was a feature of the evening, which was indulged in to the amusement of those present, by C. B. James, of Wilmington.

PORT PENN PARAGRAPHS.

We have been without papers since Saturday night, February 11th. The telephone is also down, so there is no communication with the outside world. The heavy snows of last week terminated in a blizzard on Sunday night which raged until sometime Monday night. Tuesday morning was bright and clear with about three feet of snow on the level. Some of the men led by Rev. O. A. Gillingham dug out paths through town, To-day, February 15th, an organized force are clearing the road to Delaware City to obtain coal, gasoline, etc., as we are nearly out of fuel of any sort. The cold has been intense and broke all records. On Friday the thermom ter at Mr. Henry Cleaver's store registered twelve degrees below zero. As no coal could be obtained people who were not supplied have had to burn just what they could find. The men have been most energetic and neighborly in visiting those who were in need and attending to the wants of the helpless and deserve all praise. There is no hope of getting letters or papers until this evening or to-morrow as it is impossible for the mail driver to get out, and we hear that the cars are not running.

A MEMORABLE SNOW STORM.

Snow Oceans Deep—Snow Mountains High.

The greatest snow fall within the memory of the oldest inhabitant fell during the first three days of this week, and it came right down on the top of a 12-inch Klondyke, and the earth was clothed in a dazzling mantle of transcendantly beautiful white, piled mountain-high in the drifts and no less than 18 inches deep on the levels.

To one who has spent the major portion of a half century in the South, where a flake of snow would not be seen for, perhaps, half a dozen years, the sight of these bulging heaps of spotless white is at once novel and enchanting—grandiloquently beautiful, awe inspiring, and peculiarly fascinating—a forcible reminder of the marvelous and mysterious power and wisdom of an Omnipotent Diety.

With a terrible gale, set square from the North, the storm raged in relentless and unceasing fury for nearly 72 hours. Old Boreas whistled and moaned by turns, in that delightfully enchanting and yet sadly mournful cadence that sent thoughts of a nature not to be described—indescribable, unutterable, unthinkable thoughts, as it were—through the brain and every nerve and tissue of the body:

"Sea, earth, air, sound, silence,
Plant, quadruped, bird,
By one music enchanted,
One Diety stirred." —*Emerson.*

One was reminded of the war of the elements so grandly described in I Kings, xix, 12, supplemented by the "Still, small voice.'

As a result of this violent downpouring of "the beautiful sn"—that is, this terrible snow storm—business in almost all of its various branches, came to a standstill; railroad traffic ceased; we were completely isolated from the outer world; no mails, telephone and telegraph service interrupted; it was like being cast upon a desert isle, with no possible means of communication with the world at large; and this condition lasted from Saturday night until Wednesday night.

A number of the oldest citizens have been interviewed by TRANSCRIPT reporters, and the report is summed up below:

Mr. Jesse Hyatt, 64 years of age, says he can remember nothing like it.

Mr. T E. Hurn, who has been a resident of Middletown for 57 years, says that this is the heaviest storm on record during that period. He says that during the Winter of 1855-'56, sleighing lasted, interruptedly for seven weeks.

Capt. Samuel Pennington has been a resident of this community for 81 years, and thinks this is the greatest snow storm during that time.

Mrs. Catherine Merritt has resided in this section for 85 years, and thinks this equal to anything of the kind that she has ever seen; although she clearly remembers a snow storm some seventy years ago, which was nearly, if not fully equal to the present snow fall. At that time she resided near Sandy Branch.

Mrs. Mary J. Burris has lived in this section for 76 years, and thinks she remembers a snow storm some 70 years ago, which was equal to the present one, if not heavier She was then living on the G. F. Brady farm about a half mile North of Middletown.

On Sunday and Monday, the crows, quails, blackbirds, and rabbits, were driven into town where they sought food and shelter from the warring elements, which quite a number of thoughtful and well disposed persons gladly bestowed.

Newspaper accounts say that the storm raged furiously from the great forests of Maine to the everglades of Florida—

From the ever-fridged North,
With its eternal snows,
To the bright sunny South,
Where the sweet magnolia blows.

And owing to their unpreparedness, the South is suffering to a greater extent than her Northern sisters; numerous deaths from cold and starvation being reported there.

Let whatever may, be said, the present weather will scarcely be duplicated during the life-time of the coming men and women who are now spending their best days in the school-room.

Los Angeles and the Pacific Coast and Return.

Special Excursion from points in Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, New York and New Jersey, on the occasion of the National Educational Association meeting at Los Angeles, Cal., in July, 1899, at reduced rates. For full particulars, address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, C., M. & St. P. R'y, 486 William St, Williamsport, Pa.

MY MARYLAND.

Caroline county has thirty canning houses, with six in prospect. The county claims to be second only to Hartford county in the canning industry.

The Rev. Dr. Tagg, editor of the Methodist Protestant, favors the whipping post as a punishment for certain offences. He thinks it would work admirable in Maryland.

Mr. George Seward residing at Burrisville was kicked by a horse Thursday morning and severely hurt. The blow of the horse's foot landed just below the right shoulder and directly over the lung.

Mrs. M. Belle Jones, wife of Mr. Edward A. Jones, died at her home in Trappe, Talbot county, one day last week, of cancer. Several operations had been performed in Philadelphia to relieve her sufferings.

Herbert W. Gadd, aged 28 years, son of Mr. Alex. Gadd, of Cordova, died of asphyxiation in his bedroom at his boarding house in Pittsburg, several days ago. It seems he went to his room and lighted a gas stove and went to bed. The gas was not all consumed by the flame, and Mr. Gadd was found dead in bed the next morning.

The Maryland Evaporating Company has been organized in Baltimore. Nearly all common vegetables are to be used by a patent process. Vegetables of all kinds, when the water—which forms the greater bulk—is extracted, will keep an indefinate length of time. When ready to use the water is restored by soaking, and they are cooked as fresh vegetables are cooked.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Centreville, on Thursday evening of last week tendered a smoker to its members and visitors after the regular session of the lodge. Sandwitches, coffee and chocolate were served, after which short addresses were made by Messrs. Pere Ruth, A. C. Hayden, R. W. Eddins, F. H. Phillips, S. Chester Courcey and Dr. J. H. K. Jacobs. This order was organized at Centreville last March and is now in a flourishing condition.

The present cold snap, which began several days ago, has had a paralyzing effect on the oyster business in the Chesapeake and its tributaries. With at least one hundred oyster canoes frozen up in the St. Michael's harbor, and no oysters in the packing establishments of that place, that industry is practically standing still, and means a daily loss of hundreds of dollars to the oystermen. The same condition prevails at Winchester, and Rock Hall, Kent county.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. Jack Hoflecker was home over Sunday.

—Miss Helen Covington is visiting friends in New Castle.

—Mr. R. A. Comegys, of Philadelphia, was at home this week.

—Mr. J. C. Schroder, of Lancaster, Pa., was in Middletown this week.

—Mr. William Hukill was in Wilmington for several days this week.

—Miss Bernice Metten, of Fieldsboro, is visiting Miss Mary Maxwell.

—Miss Mable Derrickson, of Philadelphia, is at her father's, Mr. George Derrickson.

—Mr. M. N. Willitts, Jr., of Philadelphia, is at his home near town for a short time,

—Miss Rena Dolson returned home Thursday from a visit to friends in Wilmington.

—Mr. Theo. V. Leonhart, of Wilmington, spent several days with friends here this week.

—Mr. George Ennis, of Camden, N. J., was the guest of his parents on Cass Street, this week.

—Dr. C. C. Green, of Newark, was snowbound here during the reign of the Storm King.

—A brand new girl is "bossing the ranche" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Freeman.

—Messrs. Jonh and Rev. Clements, of Clayton, Del., visited their sister, Mrs Lewis Bernard.

—Mr. Benj. Caulk, of Newark, is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. M. J. Whittock, South Broad street

—Mr. Thomas S. Fouracre has the best thanks of THE TRANSCRIPT for favors done and services rendered.

—Miss Mollie Wilson, of Middletown. and Miss May Davis, of Milford, are visiting friends at Schuylkil Haven, Pa.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leatherbury, Broad street, entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maxwell, of Wilmington this week.

—Mr Harry McDonald, of New York City, was a Sunday visitor at the home of his uncle, Mr. L. Darlington, on Green street.

—Miss Ida Howell has been on the sick list for more than a week, Miss Mary Price is teaching department No. 2 at the Academy for her.

—Miss Mary Merritt is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Staats, at Fairlee, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Staats are being congratulated on the birth of a second son.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Richards have issued invitations to their 20th wedding anniversary, Monday evening, February 20th, at their residence on East Main street.

—Miss Phœbe Hadley visited her sister at Wilmington last Saturday evening, intending to return Monday, but being snow-bound did not arrive till Thursday, she says the streets of Wilmington are "horrible."

—Among the snow bound in Middletown up to Wednesday were: Mr. H. Willitts and Mr. Cecil McLeary, of Philadelphia; Mesdames E. V. Wilson and F. L. Bordley were detained at Willow Grove, and Miss Martha Heaton at Philadelphia; also Mr. and Mrs Howard Pool, near McDonough.

THE GRAND JURY REPORT.

MANY ADMIRABLE SUGGESTIONS MADE FOR THE GOOD OF ALL ADOPTED.

The matter of the trivial cases brought to the attention of the Court of General Sessions, the lack of a proper ward at Farnhurst for serious cases, the fact of the New Castle jail being to small, the matter of a State workhouse and quarry, inclosing of the pilory and whipping post and prohibiting minors from visiting whippings, were all dwelt upon in the excellent report made by the Grand Jury in the Court of General Sessions last week.

The Grand Jury completed all the work brought before them and received an unusual amount of praise from Chief Justice Lore, who thanked them for the rapidity and accuracy with which they discharged their duty.

He added that they never had a jury that did as much work in such a small space of time and as well.

The Grand Jury's report was as follows:

The Grand Jury of New Castle county respectfully reports that for the year ending with the present term 250 bills have been submitted by the Attorney General. Of this number 32 have been ignored and 218 returned as true bills.

As usual, a large portion of them were for minor offences; and some provision should be made by the General Assembly to have these trivial cases settled elsewhere.

In pursuance of our duties, we have visited and inspected the Almshouse at Farnhurst and the jail at New Castle.

We found the inmates at the Almshouse well cared for and great credit is due to the management. While at Farnhurst our attention was called to the lack of a proper ward for serious cases, where they could be isolated and have more quiet than in the general hospital wards.

The members of the board of Trustees, as well as the physicians in charge, requested us to call attention to this matter in our report, which we cheerfully do trusting that the Levy Court will grant the small appropriation needed, and which will add so much to the comfort of these unfortunate wards of the county.

We regret we cannot say as much for the jail; amply large as it was for the time in which it was built, it has long since proved too small for the growth of the county.

While the Sheriff seems to have done everything in his power to take proper care of those committed to his charge, yet with often from 180 to 200 prisoners, and only 33 small cells, besides the one larger room for the short term prisoners and tramps, it is necessary to place from six to eight in one cell. These cells are but 14 feet 3 inches long and 3 feet 3 inches wide.

With these facts staring us in the face comment seems unnecessary, and it cannot be otherwise than a school of vice and a hotbed of disease. The only wonder is that no epidemic has broken out. A bill is before the present Legislature to establish a State workhouse, and the question of a stone quarry for the prisoners is also being agitated again.

While objection might be made to the first on the ground of expense, the cost of the latter would be comparatively light, and be a step in the direction of improving our roads.

It has also come to our notice, that during the last punishments inflicted at the post and pilory, the culprits were subject to severe infliction from exposure to stormy weather, we would recommend the inclosure of the post and pillory. We would also recommend that all minors be prohibited from witnessing such public punishment.

All of which is respectively submitted.

[Signed] J. Wilkins Cooch,
Foreman.

Chief Justice Lore made an order that the report be spread on the court records, and that copies be sent to each branch of the Legislature and the Levy Court.

It Beats the Band.

The newest and most inspiring piece of Sheet Music, arranged for piano, is "The Pioneer Limited March," composed by Capt. Frederick Phinney, Bandmaster United States Band, published by S. Brainard's Sons Co., Chicago, Ill.; distributed only by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul Railway. Enclose fifty (50) cents and address, Geo. H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent, 555 Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill.

CHARLES FRANCES ADAMS, et al., think that because the annexations of Louisiana and Texas were by some considered unconstitutional the annexation of the Philipines ought to be avoided as a violation of the Constitution which no exigency excuses. But isn't it simpler to conclude that some people were wrong, and that the annexations which have been so regularly made were constitutional? When an argument against expansion amounts to the assertion that it is unconstitutional because the constitution has already been made waste paper by former expansions, the case seems rather weak.

A LITTLE while ago the city was that it was madness for us to attempt to subdue so warlike, brave, powerful well-equipped and generally formidable a people as the Filipinos. Now the same folk are saying it is a shame for us to fight so feeble and inoffensive a people. What next?

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181 acres on the Levels, "John Wilson Farm,"—elegant buildings, has been limed all over in 3 years. Price $6,800.

Several farms near Wilmington, Del.; cheap in price.

no5t4 GEO. W. INGRAM.

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale, at his residence near Van Dyke Station,

FRIDAY, FEB. 24th, 1899

AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

The following Stock, Farming Implements and Household Goods, to-wit:

6 Head of Horses

No. 1.—Fred, 9 years old, large bay, 16 hands one inch and a-half high, well proportioned, good worker and driver.

No. 2.—Ribbon, bay mare, 5 years old, 15 hands high, good worker and driver.

No. 3.—Coalie, 14 years old, bay mare, fine worker.

No 5.—Charlie, 16 hands high, well proportioned, fine carriage and stylish action, good worker and superior driver.

No. 6.—Shamrock, colt, one year old.

20 Head of Cattle

Sixteen Milch Cows, extra milkers and all young; Three Yearling Heifers; One Bull, Thoroughbred Holstein.

24 HOGS AND SHOATS:

One Fine Brood Sow, coming in profit by March 1st; Two Large Berkshire Sows with six pigs each, even weeks old by day of sale; One Poland China Boar.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

Three farm wagons, 1 three-spring tomato wagon, with a capacity of 40 baskets; 1 peach rack with springs, will hold 60 baskets, this rack is good as new; 1 new McCormick mower, 1 McCormick self-binder, in good repair; 1 Bickford & Hoffman, eleven spout grain drill; 1 disc harrow, in first-class order; 1 sixty-tooth twin harrow, 1 riding cultivator, Little Dinmond; 1 grain fan, 1 corn sheller, 1 one-horse rake, 1 roller, Hyland construction, good as new; 1 two-horse corn planter, forks, shovels and hoes.

HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE.—One Cook Stove, Niagara No. 9, excellent baker, with cooking utensils complete, and in good repair.

TERMS OF SALE.

All sums of $20 and under, Cash is required; above that amount a credit of 10 months will be allowed by the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved endorser. No goods to be removed until terms are complied with.

WILLIAM N. WATTS.

David P. Hutchinson, Auctioneer.

No. 1181.

REPORT of the CONDITION of the CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK, at Middletown, in the State of Delaware, at the close of business, February 4th, 1899:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$129,636 28
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		213 43
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		80,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		5,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.		6,835 00
Banking house, furniture, fixtures		13,000 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned		3,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		5,068 32
Due from State Banks and Bankers		496 94
Due from approved reserve agents		37,439 76
Notes of other National Banks		1,855 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		353 68
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:		
Specie	6,445 00	
Legal-tender notes	8,000 00	
		14,445 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		3,550 00
Total		$301,393 41

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	$ 80,000 00
Surplus Fund	14,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,498 44
National Bank notes outstanding	72,000 00
Due to other National Banks	9,579 63
Due to State Banks and Bankers	219 41
Individual deposits subject to check	124,095 93
Total	$301,393 41

STATE OF DELAWARE, County of New Castle, } ss.

I, John S. Crouch, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February, 1899.

WILLIAM R. REYNOLDS, N. P.

Correct—Attest: JOSEPH BIGGS, S. C. BIGGS, JESSE L. SHEPHERD, } Directors.

No. 3019

REPORT of the CONDITION of the PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK, at Middletown, in the State of Delaware, at the close of business, February 4th, 1899:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$142,652 22
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		105 36
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		51,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		3,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.		7,910 00
Banking-house, furniture, fixtures		11,500 00
Due from National Banks, (not Reserve Agents)		1,846 17
Due from State Banks and Bankers		110 94
Due from approved reserve agents		9,006 15
Checks and other cash items		1,0 3 55
Notes of other National Banks		3,163 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		163 20
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:		
Specie	4,414 50	
Legal-tender notes	4,850 00	
		9,264 50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		2,295 00
Total		$242,970 09

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 80,000 00
Surplus fund	11,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,458 63
National Bank notes outstanding	45,900 00
Due to other National Banks	929 28
Due to State Banks and Bankers	319 64
Individual deposits subject to check	103,274 39
Certified Checks	74 70
Cashier's checks outstanding	13 50
Total	$242,970 09

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G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

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Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

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Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 18, 1899

The Parson and the Barber.

The Rev. Mr. Moryll was getting shaved. The barber's hand was shaky and his breath was laden with the fumes of liquor. At last the expected happened—the blood flowed freely from a cut in the parsons' chin. He looked at the barber severely.

"See," said he, "what comes from using whisky."

"Yes, sir," replied the barber, "it makes the skin very tender."—Judge.

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Depend on Christ.

Reckon on Christ to do His part perfectly. Directly you give, He takes. Directly you will open the door, He enters. Directly you will open the floodgates, He pours in a glorious tide of fullness—fullness of wealth, of power, of joy. The clay has only to be plastic to the hand of a Palissy, the marble has only to be pliant to the chisel of a Michael Angelo, the organ has only to be responsive to the slightest touch of a Handel, the student has only to follow the least hint of a Faraday or a Whewell—and there will be no failure in results. Oh, to be equally susceptible to the molding influences of Christ! We shall not fail in realizing the highest ideal of which we are capable if only we will let Him do His work unhindered.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

A Perennial Benefit.

A cheerful temper is a perennial benefit as well as a very rainbow of peace and joy in the home. We feel pity for those who can see only ill in everybody and everything, evil only everywhere; believing naturally, too, that the "race is degenerating, that all men are dreadfully wicked" and "going to the dogs" or to the "bad place;" that nothing is as good or correct as it "used to be!" The unfortunates born to these common and pessimistic ideas surely deserve our commiseration.—Churchman.

The Penalty Will Come.

There are many forms of sin in the world. Some are more heinous than others, but all are of the same nature—transgression of the law. Their greatness cannot be told by the immediate injury that follows, for often there appears to be no immediate evil results. But in process of time the penalty will come. "Be sure your sin will find you out."—Christian Instructor.

Prayer.

Jesus never taught his disciples how to preach, only how to pray. He did not speak much of what was needed to preach well, but much of praying well. To know how to speak to God is more than knowing how to speak to men. Not power with men, but power with God, is the first thing. Jesus loves to teach us how to pray.—Andrew Murray.

Unequal to the Strain.

Whatever men may say, God is no party to the idea of interminable punishment, and whatever punishment and whatever natural immortality may mean it would be unequal to the strain of God's endless wrath.—Universalist Leader.

Work in India.

In addition to Tamil, Telugu and Kanarese, the Model Christian Endeavor constitution is to be put into Malayalam, another language of southern India. It is now found in at least ten different languages of India.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Feb. 19—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—A missionary church.—Acts xiii, 1-12. (A missionary meeting.)

The church at Antioch was the most illustrious church of apostolic days. It surpassed in its achievements even the church at Jerusalem. It was founded as a result of missionary effort, it was nourished and built up by missionaries, and in the providence of God it became the starting point from which proceeded the great missionary movements by which the heathen world was brought to the foot of the cross, by which we ourselves know of God and salvation through Christ.

This church may therefore be looked upon, in a peculiar sense, as a missionary church, and by studying it we may learn what a missionary church should be. Every church should be a missionary church, and every Christian Endeavorer should strive to make his church one. Let us, therefore, study the characteristics of this world renowned missionary church and try to make our churches like it.

1. The church at Antioch was a well informed church. It had "prophets and teachers." The prophets "were under the ecstatic influence of the Holy Ghost. The teachers were expounders of Christian truth under the teaching of the Spirit." By such eminent prophets and teachers as Antioch possessed it is easy for us to believe that they were not only informed as to their personal and local needs, but also of the need of the world for the gospel. We cannot imagine Barnabas and Paul neglecting the cause of heathendom. A church that aspires to be a missionary church must be well informed along missionary lines. Knowledge creates an interest and inspires with a desire to help in the work of evangelizing the world. It is the lack of information that causes many churches to be indifferent to missions.

2. The church at Antioch was a spiritual church. They fasted and prayed. They kept as far as possible from the world and as close as possible to God. They were on intimate terms with the Holy Ghost. He spoke to them and revealed His will to them. More devotion, more praying and self denial, more of the Holy Ghost would make many a church more of a missionary church than it is.

3. The church at Antioch was an obedient church. It obeyed the Holy Ghost without hesitation and without complaint. The Holy Ghost requested that Paul and Barnabas be separated for a special work. They fasted and prayed and laid their hands upon them "and sent them away." The task assigned to the missionaries was tremendous. The difficulties must have seemed insurmountable, yet they obeyed at once; yet they went, poor, unpracticed and unarmed, and in spite of all obstacles succeeded. An obedient church must be a missionary church. The command of the Master is to send the gospel to every creature in the world. The church that fails to do its share of the work is a disobedient church.

4. The church at Antioch was a self denying church. Some people may think it gave nothing to missions. How mistaken they are! They gave a gift that must have been a great sacrifice, that must have cost much self denial on their part. They gave Paul and Barnabas! What church would want to deny itself of such workers as these? It would certainly cost more than to give money to the cause of missions.

Bible Readings.—Ps. ii, 1-9; Isa. xlii, 6, 7; lii, 7; Nah. i, 15; Math. xiii, 31-33; xxviii, 19, 20; Luke ii, 25-32; John iii, 16; xv, 16; Acts i, 8; viii, 26-40; Rom. i, 14-16; x, 14, 15; Rev. xxii, 17.

The Church and the Poor.

We do not need to deplore the supposed decadence of the church. If the influence of the church is declining, it is in part because we are neglecting our plain duty to the lowest of the people. The church that can and does reach down to the very substratum of society and rescue the perishing ones who are there hovering over the mouth of the pit will deserve and receive the Master's approbation. Let us turn aside a little from our elaborate rituals, our elegant social functions, our denominational rivalry, our higher criticism and our worship of creed and devise and execute ways and means for carrying the word of God to our poorest and most needy neighbors.—Evangelist.

Enthusiasm a Virtue.

Some people decry enthusiasm, but little can be done without it. Warmth and earnestness attract and give force to noble movements. He of cold blood is not fitted for work that calls for moving power. Even a political club needs the manager who can put life into it. Christianity above all else must have back of it the aroused and fervent agent. It is the soul on fire which has given it its aggressive force from the beginning. It is not so much the man of intellect who moves the masses as the man of heart. Fervency of spirit is the secret of pulpit success. Paul was thought to be mad because of his Christian fervor. More of his madness is necessary in our day if we would properly push the kingdom of our Lord far and near.—Presbyterian.

Australian Endeavorers.

Australia reports 1,729 Christian Endeavor societies, with 52,340 members, to which must be added unaffiliated societies, bringing the total membership up to 55,000. Of these 3,148 joined the church during the year and 1,461 associates became active. The Wesleyan Methodists lead, with 535 societies; then come the Baptists, with 150; the Congregationalists, with 131; the Presbyterians and Primitive Methodists, with 110 each; the Bible Christians, with 89; the Church of England, 27.

The Fog Bell.

The fog bell strikes only on occasion, but all the time and every night the light flashes out from the lighthouse. All the time and every night this light is flashing out from you if you are God's children. "Let your light so shine." Do not flash it—let it shine. Just have it, and then let it shine. You cannot let it shine unless you have it, and if you have it you cannot keep it from shining.—Lyman Abbott, D. D.

One-tenth or Ten-tenths?

A cheap religion wins a cheap return. It is right for a man to give a tenth of his income directly to the Lord's work, yet a man who thinks he has thereby done his whole duty is but a tenth of a man and a tenth of a Christian. Only the man who dedicates himself and all that he has to the service of his Master will get all that the Master has to give.—Sunday School Times.

Ministerial Settlements.

A rule of parish life is that just in proportion to the length of a ministerial settlement are the chances for its longer continuance. Within the limits of old age and disability the rule holds good. The longer a settlement the greater the probability of its continuance. The hardest rube come somewhere about the second and third years.—Christian Register.

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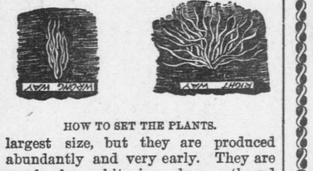
Asparagus seems to find favor among those who cultivate it largely, on account of its strong market value. An Illinois correspondent of the Ohio Farmer says every thrifty market gardener will find one of his best investments in an acre or more of it. Some reasons for this are: "There is no easier vegetable to grow, and beds, when once established, if properly tended, yield more and pay better each season. As a long distance shipping vegetable it ranks among the very best. The plain truth is this—it makes money for the grower, yields a profit for the middleman, and, most of all, pleases the consumer." This grower's methods are as follows:

Variety and Size to Plant.—We regard the Columbian Mammoth White as the most satisfactory variety in cultivation. Not only are the stalks of the



HOW TO SET THE PLANTS.

largest size, but they are produced abundantly and very early. They are nearly clear white in early growth and remain so in favorable weather until three or four inches high. This sort commands an extra price, not only on a fancy market, but from canners, who find that when put up under a special brand it sells so readily at a higher price as to warrant them in paying the grower an extra price for growing it. We prefer to use only well grown 2-year-old stock.

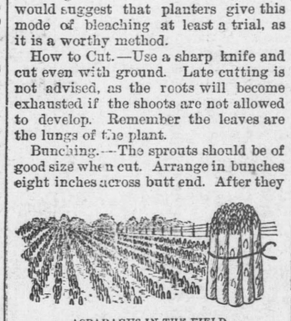
Soil.—The soil on which asparagus plants are transplanted must be made very rich. From 100 to 200 loads of rich stable manure to the acre—well plowed in—makes a good start for a good crop. Select a good sandy loam sloping to the south, if possible. The ground should be plowed as deep as possible and furrowed off from 4 to 5 feet apart. Ground thus fitted enables the roots to take hold at once, which is of great importance, as the more strength and size gained on the roots each year places you that much ahead and enables you to secure a good profit from your bed the second season after planting.

How to Plant.—We usually set the plants in early spring, as soon as the ground can be worked, 18 inches apart in the furrows which have previously been prepared, with the rows four feet apart. It will require 8,000 plants to properly plant an acre. As illustrated in this column, there is a "right way" and a "wrong way" to plant. It requires a little more time to set the roots in proper shape, but it pays. The roots should be spread apart, not bunched. The crown should be covered with four inches of earth. By shallow planting crops come earlier than if planted deeper. After planting has been done the ground should be properly leveled and good cultivation given throughout the season. The bed should be well cleaned every autumn and salted at the rate of one barrel of salt per acre, as this stimulates the roots and retards the weeds. A good dressing of manure should also be given every fall. A well planted and tended field in full bearing should present the general appearance given in the second cut.

Bleaching.—The young shoots can be bleached and made extremely tender by covering with straw or leaves, and I would suggest that planters give this mode of bleaching at least a trial, as it is a worthy method.

How to Cut.—Use a sharp knife and cut even with ground. Late cutting is not advised, as the roots will become exhausted if the shoots are not allowed to develop. Remember the leaves are the lungs of the plant.

Bunching.—The sprouts should be of good size when cut. Arrange in bunches eight inches across butt end. After they



ASPARAGUS IN THE FIELD.

have been neatly cut and tied place the butts of the branches in trays of water one inch deep, taking care to keep the tops dry. This prepares them for their journey to market, and they arrive in nice condition when they are handled in this way.

Packing.—Use a light, new, clean case that will hold about two dozen bunches. Stencil your name on each case, for if your asparagus pleases the purchaser your stock will always be in great demand and command a higher price than that which is poorly grown or badly packed.

Lime and Plant Diseases.

The effect of lime in different forms has been tested at the Rhode Island station, with not entirely conclusive results, on various diseases of plants, including cranberry and sweet potato diseases and a root disease of alfalfa. Slacked lime was found to be effective in reducing soil rot of sweet potatoes and quicklime in checking or preventing the root disease of alfalfa.

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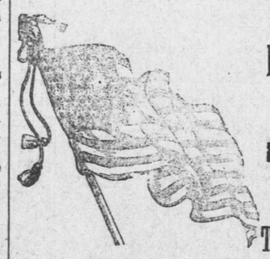

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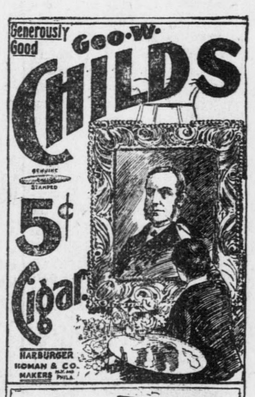

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Philadelphia	$7 25	10 20	$1 52	$3 46	5 58	11.10
Baltimore	6.25	8.23	12 05	3.00	4.23	7.58
Wilmington	8 13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6.56	11.56
Farmhurst	f 8.32		f 2.44		7.04	
New Castle	8 27	f 11.21	2.49	4.39	7.01	
State Road	f 8.33		f 2.54		7.11	
Bear	f 8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7.11	
Porter	8.45		f 3.04	4.52	7.22	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.09		7.28	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.17		7.33	
Armstrong	f 9.03				7.4	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18	f 7.48	12.39
Townsend	9.17		3.34	5 28	f 7.56	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3.39		8.01	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 3.45		f8.07	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	3.15	5.42	8.13	12.57
Smyrna..LV	9 23	11.57	3.41	5 21	8.06	
Brenford	f9.38		f 3.59		f8.18	
Cheswold	f9.43		f 4.04		f 8.23	
Dupont			f 4.0			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8.34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	f12.29	4 20	6.06	8.40	a 1.24
Woodside	f10 11			f 6.11	f8.47	
Viola	f10.15			f 6.15	f8.51	
Felton	10 20	f12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	f10 42	a 1.00		f 6.41	f9.15	
Greenwood	f10.50	f 1 08		f 6.49	f 9 23	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.1½
Cannons	f11 05			f 7 05	f 9 38	
Seaford	11 13	1.27		7.11	9 43	2.26
Laurel	11 25	f 1.37		7.21	9.55	a 2.38
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10 05	2.50

NORTHWARD

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	MAIL P. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	11.08		7.00	8 00	2 15		3.32
Laurel	f 11.21		7.11	8.10	f 2.25		3.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35		3.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31			f 4 04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		f 7.37	8.37	f 2.46		4.11
Greenwood			f 7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54		4.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53			f 4.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 06	3 08		4:40
Felton	f 2.35		8.14	9.16	f 3.18		4:49
Viola			8.18	f 9 20			f 4:53
Woodside			f8.22	f 9 24			f 4:57
Wyoming	p2:46	p6 57	8 29	9.31	f 3 30		5:05
Dover	2.52	7 03	8.35	9 38	3 36		5:11
Dupont		f7 06					
Cheswold		f7.13		f 9.48			f 5:20
Brenford		f7.18		f 9.53			f 5:25
Smyrna..LV		7.15	8.45	9 50	3 41		5:21
Clayton	3.09	7.25	8.53	10.00	3.54		5:31
Gr'n Spring		f7.29					f 5:37
Blackbird		f7.35		f10.09			f 5:43
Townsend		7 40	9 06	10 14	4 07		5:50
Middletown	3.30	7.50	9.15	10.24	4 16		5:58
Armstrong		f7.54					f 6:2
Mt Pleasant		7.58		f10 33			6:06
Kirkwood		8.08		10.42			6:16
Porter		8.15	9 34	10 48	4.34		6:22
Bear		f8.20		f10.53			6:27
State Road		f8 25		f10 58			6:32
New Castle		8.31	9 46	11.04	f 4.47		6:37
Farmhurst		f8.36	9 51	f11.09			f 6.42
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9 58	11 15	4.56		6:50
Baltimore	6.19	10 37	11 15	12.35	6.37		8:40
Philadelphia	5.10	9.32	10 46	12.06	5.48		7:38
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m

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